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“On December 15th, 1962, a candle was lit for Paula and there was rejoicing on earth. It burned brightly for 61 years. In 2023 it flickered, and she slipped quietly into the arms of Jesus and there was rejoicing in Heaven.”

The District Elder, Dr. L. McNeese

Minister

Paula McClellon

December 15, 1962- January 8, 2023

My Everyday Friend

Jacqueline Foree

Minister Paula Ladd McClellan was my everyday friend. We grew up together at Greater Bethel Temple Apostolic Church in Louisville, KY. We were as different as night and day. Even as our lives took different paths, we stayed in touch.

Almost 35 years ago, we started talking all the time. We didn't see each other every day, but we talked and texted throughout each day. Paula loved to travel. We took our kids on vacation together, and in later years we took our grandkids on vacations! Ever so often we would say, “Where we going, travel buddy?” (Friends don't use proper English). We always had our next trip planned, as well as working on a trip for our granddaughters. Paula loved technology and when I got my first computer, she helped set it up and seemed more excited than me. She would constantly tell me about operating systems and new technology.

Paula was very competitive and loved to win. A few months ago, we had had a step challenge. We were talking late one evening and when she found out I had more steps than she did, she got up and walked around her house till she had more steps than me! LOL! As Minister Paula, she loved to pray and would often say, “I need you to pray with me. I'm not at liberty to give details, just pray.” (She would say I know people say I talk a lot, but I don't tell everything I know, some stuff will go to the grave with me.)

We pushed each other in our understanding and interpretation of scriptures, songs, teachings, and sermons. We didn't always agree, but that made the conversations more lively and entertaining. Iron sharpens iron...my friend is gone and already my life is duller.



This Too Will Pass

Evangelist Dianne Johnson

In the dark of the night my dreams are of you, waking tears in my eyes.

My heart is beyond repair, no words can reverse what has happened.

So much hurt, since saying goodbye, how can one endure such pain? Tried as gold in the fire, the enduring of my faith. Your strength is the staff I lean on. Sinking in a sea of loneliness, will someone hear my plea, will I ever rise again. One must hope. Realizing I am human, a body wrapped in feelings and emotions. Your unchanging hand I must hold too, you have assured me this too will pass.

A Little Something, Something About Paula

Absolutely Apostolic - H.G. Filled!

Had a perfect recall of sermon subjects and synopsis

Heavily relied upon by her church and the people of God

Bible Bowl Lover



Loved to read and study the Word of God

Effective Sunday School Teacher

P.A.W. Licensed Minister

Inspirational Songstress

A Pillar of Strength

Sister Pamela White

A great woman whose deeds in faith and love will continually be a pillar of strength for all saints, a perfect pattern that will draw and guide more souls for the kingdom of GOD. She led many to love the LORD, to follow His will with reverence and Godly fear. She planted trees of righteousness that give glory to HIS name day and night. Along this Christian journey, my friend fought a good fight, finished her course, and kept her faith. Although she's gone from my eyes, she will forever be remembered in my heart as a woman of faith and focus.



A Friend that sticketh...

The Spalding Twins Charlene & Darlene

Minister Paula McClellon was a consistent presence in the lives of the Spalding family from the time she was a teenager. She was younger than me and my sister and she never failed to remind us of that in a kind way. In our early years at Greater Bethel Temple, she was involved in church activities that we also participated in.

We were all on the Bible Bowl team, sang in the Young Adult Choir and also were members of the Spiritualites group. She went to London, England with us for our first trip overseas. Down through the years, she remained a friend and still was consistent - particularly in times of need. When there was an emergency, she would be the driver - getting you where you needed to be. She extended herself to become a friend to our brother, checking on his welfare, and making sure he knew she had asked about him.

She remembered him on his birthday and at Christmas. Paula was good about letting you know she appreciated whatever you did for her. If someone gave her a gift, every time she used that gift, it was a reminder for her to pray for that person. She left an imprint in the lives of her friends and she will be missed. She loved her family (especially her two sons). She also loved the Word and often stated her desire was to be "Rapture Ready" when the Lord called.

PRAY
Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

- *Overseer Cleotus McElroy*
- *Newburg Apostolic Church*
- *Pastor Richard Bailey*
- *District Elder James McDonald*
- *District Elder Fred Connor*
- *The McClellon Family*
- *Pastor Ann Jackson*
- *Suffragan Bishop Johnny Burrell*
- *Pastor George Dunlap*



The Gift that was Paula

Grace Foree



"In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works."

Titus 2:7 (KJV)

Paula was just a few years older than me. Growing up together at Greater Bethel Temple means I have a lot of memories of and with Paula. I remember being in the Junior Choir with her. She would often be the one to start singing a song or hymn, she wanted the choir to sing. She was never shy or withdrawn; not about singing and praising God; not about being on the Bible Bowl team and knowing God's word.

I remember how pretty she looked on her wedding day when she married Hubert Page. I remember her teaching Sunday School while pregnant with her son Paul. She cupped her belly, said "I've only gained 25 pounds. It's all baby. I'm going to name him Paul after me and my daddy", and she did. As the years passed, she was always at church, service, choir rehearsal, funeral, there. As time passed so many things changed. Life happened. But Paula was always there. Somehow, I ended up being in the room when she gave birth to her son Namaan.

We always seemed to live in the same area of the city. She was such a good friend to my sister Jacqueline Foree. I have so much love and appreciation for her as a result. I could write so much if I tried to recount every memory, every conversation, every song sung, every scripture Paula quoted. For me what summarizes Paula is the example she set. She was faithful to God and faithful to doing the work.

I know she could be counted on to help those in need. She seemed to have a special place in her heart for the senior saints, as she called them. Also, for the senior, senior saints. Definitely her expression. However, she helped so many. I doubt anyone truly knows all she did and all the people that she helped. I do know she helped me. Many times. One event stands out in my mind. I could no longer drive. I wanted to be at the hospital one morning at 7:00 a.m. for a friend whose husband was transitioning. Paula lived about 1/2 mile from me. I called her about 10:00 p.m. the night before. She said, "Be ready about 6:30 a.m." She was there dropped me off, headed to work. That was that. No need for gas money. Never referenced it again. So, as I mourn her passing, I also give God thanks for the gift that was Paula.

And purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Titus 2:14

It is my hope that all that read this, all that knew and loved Paula, will follow her example. Do good works!

IT IS FINISHED!

First Apostolic Council (Bishop Sherman L. Merritt)

First Apostolic Council of Kentucky and Tennessee

11th Episcopal District of the P.A. of W. INC.

Bishop Sherman L. Merritt, Diocesan

Suffragan Bishop Johnnie B. Blissett, Chairman

In Memory of Minister Paula J. McClellon

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1

Minister Paula J. McClellon made her transition into eternity on Sunday, January 8th, 2023. To us, she is gone too soon, but God in His wisdom took her to rest and peace.

We the First Apostolic Council of KY/TN, celebrate with you the life of Minister Paula McClellon, because she was baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was a supporter of Council seminars, night services, and she always enjoyed the challenges during her Minister Classes with District Elder McNeese. The Bible lets us know, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

God loves and cares for you and will not leave you comfortless, as you go through this time of bereavement.

God's magnificent presence is with you all this moment. He promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Hebrew 13:5). We, your friends at the First Apostolic Council of KY/TN are praying for your journey through these difficult days. Our prayer is not that you simply endure but rather rejoice! Yes, that you may rejoice in the victory of Jesus who is victorious over death and the grave (I Cor. 15:55-57)

Min. Paula will be truly missed. Family and friends hold fast to your memories, and the time you all spent in laughter. Allow the Lord to sustain you in the days and weeks ahead. We are praying for the family, friends, and Newburg Apostolic Church family.

Prayerfully Submitted this 18th day of January 2023,

Bishop Sherman L. Merritt, Diocesan

Suffragan Bishop Johnnie Blissett, Council Chairman

Evang. Annette Tolbert, Council General Secretary

Be it resolved that, Minister Paula McClellon embodied a gracious, kind & humble spirit of a true Woman of God. We remind the family to be encouraged by The Holy Scriptures as recorded in I Thess. 4:17-18.

Elder Waverly Holland (Newburg Apostolic Church)

Newburg Apostolic Church
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Louisville, Kentucky 40218

To the Family of: Minister Paula Jane Ladd McClellon

On behalf of Elder Waverly Holland and the Newburg Church Family we send heartfelt sympathy to the family, and friends of Paula Jane Ladd McClellon. We also share in the loss of your loved one, Paula was our sister, friend, and servant of the Newburg Church Family.

An individual made the following statement: "The measure of a life is not in its duration but in its donation."

When we think of Paula's donation... what she contributed... what she invested... we have much to be thankful for!

- Consider the investment of love and devotion that Paula made while serving others.
- Consider the investment of godliness and nurturing that Paula made into the lives of her children and grandchildren.
- Consider the investment of the Word of God that Paula made into the lives of so many people.

Denise, Paul, Naaman and her dear closest friends find comfort in the Word of God. For Jesus himself said, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."
(Matthew 5:4)

Paula's race has ended, but we still have our race to run. Paula would say live for Christ and I'll see you on the other side.

The Newburg Apostolic Church Family will be here, call upon us. May your faith in God sustain you, bring comfort today, courage for tomorrow, and hope in your heart always.

Elder Waverly J. Holland, Pastor
Elder Nathaniel Northington, Assistant Pastor
Sister Michelle Carter, Church Secretary

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Evangelist Rena Drummond (MCWA)

Resolution in Loving Memory of Minister Paula McClellon

Our God, in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to move from our midst our beloved Minister Paula McClellon and has called her to his eternal rest on Sunday, January 8th, 2023.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4

Whereas, Minister Paula McClellon demonstrated a life of sincere obedience to God, setting a shining example for her sons, grandchildren, family and the Newburg Church Family.

Whereas, Minister Paula McClellon embodied a gracious, kind & humble spirit of a true Woman of God; lifting her voice in ministry of the Word and in beautiful worship to the Lord.

Whereas, the passing of our dear Minister Paula has left us deeply saddened, she will be missed, but not forgotten.

Be it further resolved that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and we sorrow not as others which have no hope. We remind the family to be encouraged by the Holy Scriptures as recorded in I Thess. 4:16-17

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Humbly Submitted by: Evang. Rena Drummond, MCWA President and Staff

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Bishop & First Lady Rader Johnson (G.B.T)

Resolution in Memory of Minister Paula Ladd McClellon – January 18, 2023

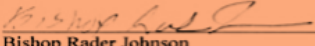
Bishop Rader Johnson, First Lady Rhoda Johnson, and the Greater Bethel Temple Church family, extend our condolences to you in the loss of Minister Paula McClellon. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (II Corinthians 5:1)

Whereas Minister Paula McClellon was baptized in Jesus Name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost at Greater Bethel Temple Church under the leadership of Bishop David T. Shultz. She was blessed to be born into a family with roots in the Apostolic faith who imparted a love of God to her including her mother, Sister Dorothy Ladd, and her grandmother, Pastor Lizzie Jones.

Whereas Minister McClellon was committed in her service to the Lord. She had a desire to help others and made an effort to be of assistance if she could possibly meet a need. As a Minister, she remained faithful to her assignment by visiting the sick, praying, and being a witness to the goodness of God. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name..." (Hebrew 6:10a)

Whereas her spiritual foundation began at Greater Bethel Temple, Minister McClellon remained connected to the church family. Several of our senior mothers were recipients of her generous spirit. She showed that she cared by the things that she did. She was full of life and vitality and will surely be missed.

Be it resolved that Minister Paula McClellon is now at rest. The Word of God found in I Corinthians 15:53-54 states, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." To her sons Paul and Naaman, her sister Denise, and the entire family – we will continue to lift you up in prayer in your time of bereavement.


Bishop Rader Johnson
& First Lady Rhoda Johnson
Greater Bethel Temple Apostolic Church

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